

REMARKS

Claims 6 – 10, 12, 13, 16, 17 and 24 – 27 are pending. Claim 23 is cancelled. The dependency of claim 24 is corrected.

Claim 6 is amended to clarify that the polymeric carrier is bound to the one or more polypeptides or fragments and to remove the term “pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle”, to clarify that this element is not present in the absence of the polymeric carrier or adjuvant.

Applicant submits that this addresses the rejection of claims 6-8 and 23-25 are being indefinite within the provisions of 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Applicants and the undersigned attorney thank Examiner Rodney Swartz for the courtesy extended by conducting a telephone discussion of the claim language in the present application on December 19, 2007. Applicants believe that this amendment is consistent with that telephone discussion.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

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